



## **Standing Committee Updates January 2019**

### **❖ Disproportionality & Disparities**

There were 11 committee members in attendance including Disproportionality & Disparity Chair, Pastor Edward Palmer Sr.

We have a proposition letter that will be sent to Senator Westerfield requesting his support of a joint MOU and on the new DMC bill.

- After the letter is sent, our next steps will be to get in the community and educate others on the bill; we'll create talking points to explain its importance.
- We are also wanting to share the concept letter with the legislative committee within CFCRB in hopes that we will get support from the Executive Committee.

The committee has been discussing the importance of attendance during legislative sessions. We need more advocacy groups and more people of color in support.

- We plan to create a 'youth' workgroup to help get the word out and find more support
  - o Ian Rosser and Stephanie Sikes will take the lead on outreach to support the bill; looking to use social media as a method, as well as reaching out to KSU.

We are planning to have a training/summit/conference for all agencies to attend that will address what DMC is.

- Plan to have early in the year
- We will invite everyone involved in system of care (agencies and vendors)
- We will share the DMC model to show what's been working
- Would like to have a teen/youth co-present or give testimony on their experience
- Want to leave the training with some solutions

DMC is changing to RED = Racial and Ethnic Disparities

### **❖ Outreach & Promotion**

The SIAC Outreach and Promotion Standing Committee is working to ensure that our members get the information and tools they need to be full participants in and advocates of SIAC's work. Our committee's first step toward reaching this goal was to ask SIAC members and meeting attendees to complete a brief Survey Monkey survey. We are pleased to report that we had 57 respondents – thank you, everyone! We'll be using these survey responses to inform our work.

## ❖ **Social & Emotional Health**

Damien Sweeney was introduced as the new chair of the SIAC Social and Emotional Health (SEH) Standing Committee. The group thanked Christina Weeter for serving in the interim. Christina Weeter provided a brief summary of the December meeting of the SEH Task Force. No requests were made to/from the Standing Committee. Christina Weeter and Tena Robbins provided an update on the SEH Task Force at the final meeting of the School Safty Work Group. The written progress update was shared with the group. System of Care Academy (SOCA) 2019 theme will focus on social and emotional health. Ideas for SOCA sessions are being solicited. The SEH Standing Committee will offer session topic suggestions and possible presenters via email to Lea Taylor. The Standing Committee has also agreed to coordinate a screening and discussion of Paper Tigers at SOCA.